

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held their regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024, at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: Jim Hafner, Erin Lind, Dwight McCullough, and Jason Lund

Board Member Absent: Mary Campbell

Staff Present: Bobbie Law, Tim Kelly, Jason Hilst, Erin Margl, and Michelle Ulrich

Staff Present on Zoom: Erik Bye and Jon Janke

2. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member Lund moved to add an Elwell Commercial Park item to the announcements. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. The motion carried with 4 years (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

Board Member Lind moved to add both permitting items, permit 24-022 Cardinal Crest and permit 24-028 JHM Medical Park, to the consent agenda. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 4 years (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

Board Member Lind moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 4 years (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

3. Announcements

Two announcements were made as follows:

- The first board meeting in November will be on Tuesday, November 12th due to Veterans Day on Monday the 11th.
- Mr. Kelly gave an overview of the Elwell Commercial Park project including its general location. The project submitted a permitting application on September 11th, 2024. Several meetings regarding the project have been held since with Coon Creek Watershed District staff and the applicant. The project currently has 19 outstanding items with issues and concerns. The largest outstanding item concerns infiltration. The applicant has re-submitted new plans as of last Thursday the 10th. Volume reduction is still in question and being examined by District staff. Mr. Kelly made it clear that the developer is allowed to address the Board if they wish, but standards need to be met.

Managers discussed strategies to meet the outstanding conditions and stipulations, including volume reduction requirements. Also discussed was the importance and role soil borings play in ensuring volume reduction is met. Permitting fees and deposits remain the same for the CCWD's permitting program based on its official rules.

4. Open Mic/Public Comment

No one was present for comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2024

6. Administrator's Report

7. Advisory Committee Report

8. Approval of Bills for Payment:

Claims totaling \$226,645.16 on the following disbursement(s) list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

Vendor	Amount
V0008--US BANK	10,570.98
V0030--CONNEXUS ENERGY	315.94
V0037--ECM PUBLISHERS INC	484.00
V0052--LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	258.75
V0054--MICHELLE J ULRICH PA	2,266.00
V0061--NORTH PINE AGGREGATE	59,299.60
V0087--CLASSIC CONSTRUCTION INC	2,490.17
V0090--CENTERPOINT ENERGY-UTILITY	31.30
V0111--WELL GROOMED LAWNS INC	516.00
V0128--YTS COMPANIES LLC	2,100.00
V0128--YTS COMPANIES LLC	6,125.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	72.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	165.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	207.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	1,125.00
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	30,089.75
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	16,524.00
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	24,200.96
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	3,308.50
V0221--ABDO LLP	132.50
V0221--ABDO LLP	3,327.50
V0221--ABDO LLP	1,076.25
V0229--TRUE BLUE PLUMBING LLC	2,096.00
V0242--METRO I NET	5,398.00
V0333--MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	788.00
V0334--ANDOVER STATION 2016, LLC	921.00
V0335--FERGUSON WATERWORKS	1,213.00
V0336--NUGENT SEALCOATING & PAVING	35,750.00
V0337--S & R DEVELOPERS LLC	10,431.75
V0338--WESTLUND, PAMELA	2,227.00
V0339--CONNOLLY & SONS CONSTRUCTION	3,134.21
	226,645.16

The following permit items were moved to the Consent Agenda.

9. 24-022 Cardinal Crest

The purpose of this project, located at 9050 East River Road NW in Coon Rapids, is to construct an 11-lot residential development with associated stormwater treatment features.

The staff recommendation was to approve permit application number P-24-022 with 5 conditions and 3 stipulations as presented in the staff report:

Conditions to be Met Before Permit Issuance:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Submittal of a performance escrow in the amount of \$4,050.00.

Rule 3.0 – Stormwater Management

2. Provide proof of recording of a fully executed Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the perpetual inspection and maintenance of all proposed stormwater management practices after review and approval by the District.
3. The high water level listed for the infiltration basin and pond 1 are inconsistent between the grading plan and proposed HydroCAD model. Please update.
4. Rim and south invert elevation for the pond outlet control structure are inconsistent between the outlet structure detail and the storm sewer profile. Please update.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

5. Update the erosion and sediment control plan to include a note that soils and soil stockpiles will be stabilized within 7 days of inactivity.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
2. Completion of a post construction infiltration test on the Infiltration Basin by filling the basin to a minimum depth of 6 inches with water and monitoring the time necessary to drain, or multiple double ring infiltration tests to ASTM standards. The Coon Creek Watershed District shall be notified prior to the test to witness the results.
3. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Tables 2 and 3, including volume, critical elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.

10. 24-028 JHM Medical Park

The purpose of this project, located at 9255 Holly Street NW in Coon Rapids, is to construct a commercial warehouse and office building with parking and associated stormwater treatment features.

The staff recommendation was to approve permit application number P-24-028 with 5 conditions and 3 stipulations as presented in the staff report:

Conditions to be Met Before Permit Issuance:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Submittal of a performance escrow in the amount of \$3,410.00.
2. Submittal of the remainder of the required review fee in the amount of \$200.00.

Rule 3.0 – Stormwater Management

3. Provide proof of recording of a fully executed Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the perpetual inspection and maintenance of all proposed stormwater management practices after review and approval by the District.
4. Update construction plans to include a maintenance easement of 100 ft (50 ft on either side of the centerline).
5. Provide proof of recording of a fully executed Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the perpetual inspection and maintenance of all proposed stormwater management practices after review and approval by the District.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001).
2. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
3. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Tables 2 and 3, including volume, critical elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.

Board Member McCullough moved to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 4 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

POLICY ITEMS

None

PERMIT ITEMS

The two permit items were moved to the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Ditch 60 Inspection Report

Mr. Hilst gave a presentation on his Ditch 60 inspection outlining the following:

- Purpose
- Annual Inspection Program
- Ditch 60 system
- Channel Condition
- Inspection Results

There is one site in need of immediate maintenance (tree obstruction) for Ditch 60. This maintenance need has an estimated cost of \$8,000. The ditch system was found to be in overall good/fair condition.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. Strib article - Wetland Violation in Henn Co, 7 years on

This Star Tribune article concerns a wetland violation in Corcoran Minnesota and applicable enforcement actions under the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). The City of Corcoran plans to refer the case back to the Department of Natural Resources to enforce the original restoration order in this matter. The article highlights The Wetland Conservation Act which is administered by the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Mr. Kelly noted that this is a great example of enforcement action regarding the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Unfortunately, it is a worst-case scenario example.

13. MPR News – Biochar Production & Use in MN

The MPR article presented focuses on biochar production and its many uses. The article highlights a project to build a biochar plant in Minneapolis funded by the City and a large grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Mr. Kelly gave an overview of a project completed in the District that effectively utilizes biochar. This project is a biochar and iron-enhanced sand filter located in Coon Rapids. The biochar removes *E. coli* which is a bacterium commonly found in animal waste.

14. Minnesota Drinking Water Action Plan

This Minnesota Policy Center article provides an overview of the draft Minnesota Drinking Water Action Plan. The article invites readers to review the draft plan, outlining drinking water risks, goals, strategies to address risks, and legislative direction. Mr. Kelly encouraged the Board to review the draft plan.

Mr. Kelly gave an overview of the District's 10-year Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan process.

The Board discussed the role of watershed districts and counties as drainage authorities in Minnesota.

Board Member Lund moved to adjourn at 5:59 pm. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. The motion carried with 4 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.



President

